(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The issue of reservation for SCs/STs on the pattern of their proportional representation in Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils and Lok Sabha/Legislative Assemblies has not yet been dealt with in the Consultation Papers released so far by the Commission.

**Legal aid to poor in Rajasthan and Orissa**

2974. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount fixed for legal aid to poor under the "legal aid to poor" in Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) the number of poor people in each State, particularly in far-flung areas of Rajasthan and Orissa who have received free legal aid during the last three years district-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government have made any survey in this behalf in each State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Under the provisions of section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, persons belonging to weaker sections of the society such as, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women/Child, mentally ill and disabled persons, any person in custody and all other persons who are earning less than Rs. 25,000/per annum, if the case if before a court other than the Supreme Court, and less than Rs. 50,000/ if the case is before the Supreme Court are entitled to receive free legal services.

(b) A Statement showing number of people who have received free legal aid through court-oriented programmes during the last three years viz. 1998, 1999 and 2000, State-wise including the States of Rajasthan and Orissa, is annexed herewith. (*See* below) The district-wise figures are not available as Notional Legal Services Authority is maintaining consolidated figures State-wise;

(c) No Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

**Statement**

*Number of Persons benefitted through court Oriented Programmes for the last three years viz., 1998, 1999 and 2000*

*(Based on the information provided by the State Legal Services Authorities)*

| S. No. | Name of the State/Union Territory | No of persons benefitted during the year | | | Grand Total (Col. Nos. 3 to 5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1,623 | 1,584 | 1,268 | 4,475 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | — | 50 | — | 50 |
| 3. | Assam | — | — | — | — |
| 4. | Bihar | 1,680 | 1,457 | 558 | 3,695 |
| 5. | Goa | — | — | 93 | 93 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 1,393 | 2,306 | 2,252 | 5.951 |
| 7. | Haryana | 332 | 1,054 | 1,519 | 2,905 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 178 | 303 | 232 | 713 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | 371 | 935 | 1,563 | 2.869 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 1,050 | 1,778 | 1,814 | 4,642 |
| 11. | Kerala | 717 | 701 | 604 | 2,022 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 26,298 | 31,738 | 33,722 | 91,758 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 5,204 | 4,873 | 3,258 | 13,335 |
| 14. | Manipur | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | — | — | — | — |
| 16. | Mizoram | 1,376 | 926 | 1,940 | 4,244 |
| 17. | Nagaland | — | 1,610 | 1,262 | 2,872 |
| 18. | Orissa | 1,023 | 1,923 | 1,610 | 4,556 |
| 19. | Punjab | 1,591 | 1,824 | 1,707 | 5,122 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 1,999 | 2,465 | 2,747 | 7,211 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 4 | 46 | 247 | 297 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 39,705 | 43,823 | 70,080 | 1,53,608 |
| 23. | Tripura | 23 | 18 | 45 | 86 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 2,217 | 4,54,617 | 4,47,204 | 9,04,038 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25. | West Bengal | 2,600 | 1,700 | 1,544 | 5,844 |
| 26. | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 29 | 103 | 229 | 361 |
| 27. | U.T. Chandigarh | 258 | 685 | 1,031 | 1,974 |
| 28. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | — | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 29. | Daman & Diu | — | — | — | — |
| 30. | Delhi | 4,855 | 4,421 | 3,970 | 13,246 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | — | — | — | — |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 928 | 802 | 1,121 | 2,851 |
| 33. | Supreme Court Legal Services Committee | 343 | 603 | 345 | 1,291 |
| | TOTAL: | 95,797 | 5,62,350 | 5,81,972 | 12,40,119 |

**Modernisation of Ports**

2975. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main problem facing our ports is the lack of modern technology and equipment to expedite loading and unloading of ships; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to modernise our ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Modernisation and upgradation of ports is a continuous process. To upgrade and modernise port facilities to match with emerging cargo mix and bring Indian Ports at par with International standards, the following steps have been taken:

(i) Construction and equipping of new berths;

(ii) Acquisition of state-of-art equipment to match the emerging cargo mix;

(iii) Setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS);

(iv) Labour Training & Welfare; and

(v) Increased role of private sector.